

DMOC Read Out - February 14

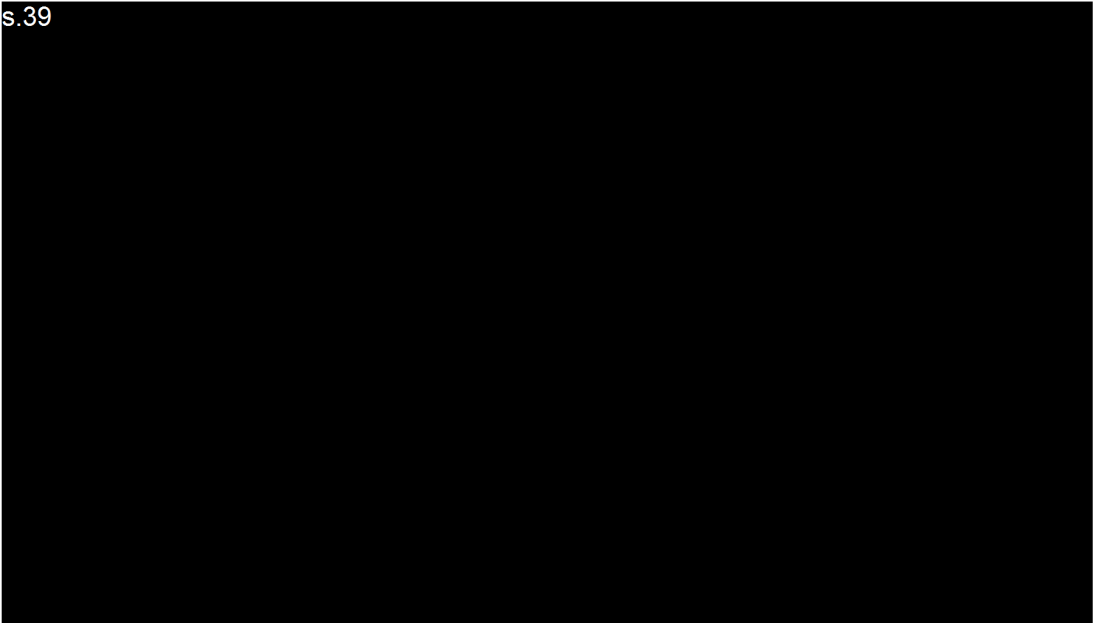
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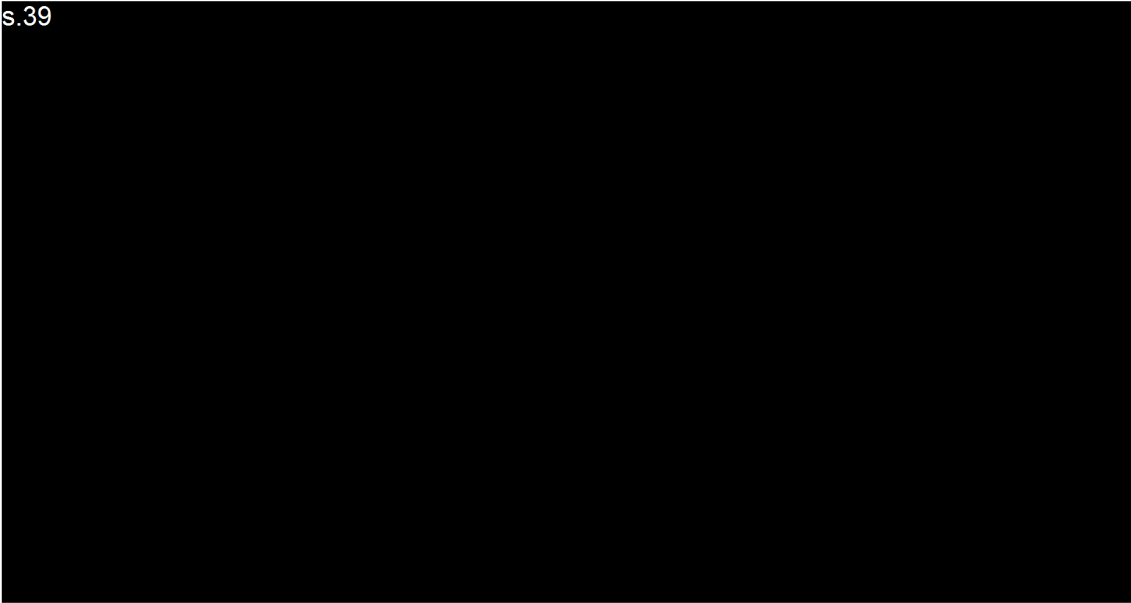
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- The NSIA opened the meeting by setting context - has been a busy few days. There was a Cabinet meeting last night, and work throughout the night, followed by an FMM morning
- Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs provided an update on the FMM meeting:
 - o PM laid out case for invoking EA, consulting Premiers for their views.
 - o Minister Lametti provided info on 6 areas where EA could be helpful.
 - o There were a diversity of views from PTs – Prairie and Atlantic provinces expressed strong view that this is an “Ottawa and Windsor” problem. They stressed that they had control of the situation and worry about inflaming views. Quebec spoke against EA. Ontario and Newfoundland expressed support. BC was lukewarm – supportive, but also worried about inflaming views and think they had situation under control. Following meeting, Manitoba has subsequently come out in opposition in statement to media.
 - o All agreed that action was needed in Ottawa to bring situation under control.

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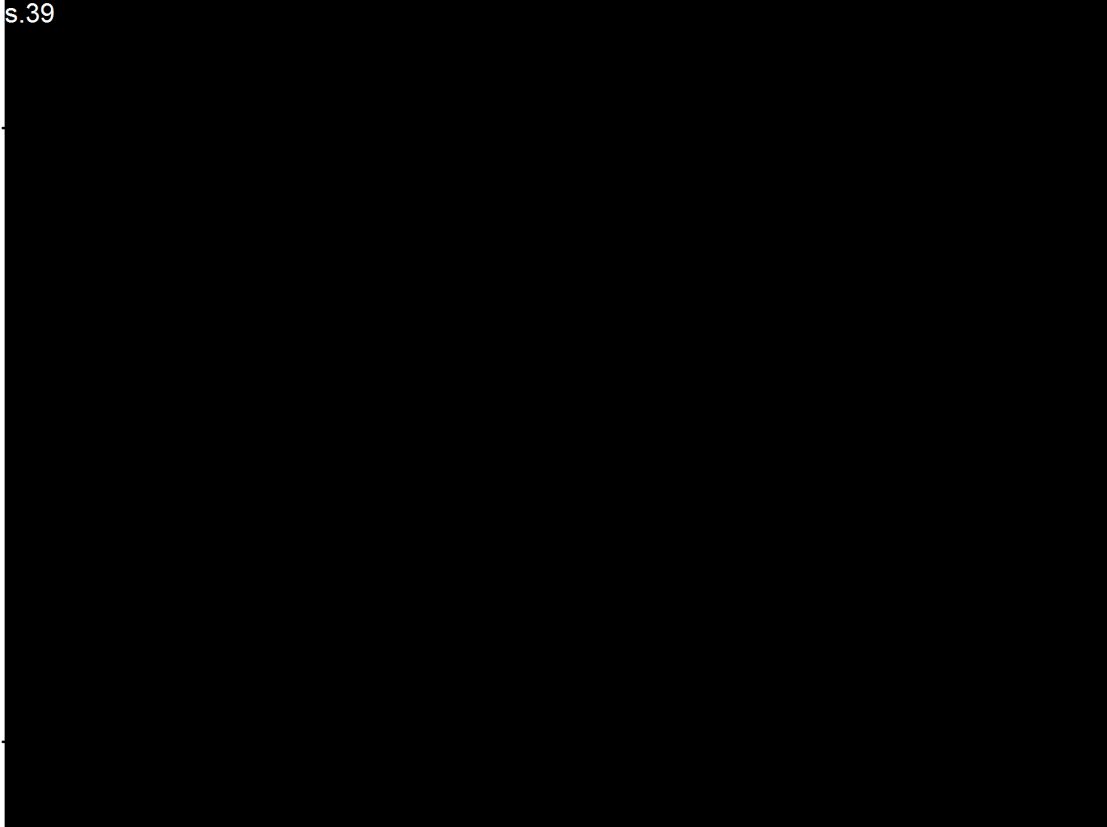


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- The NSIA and the Director of CSIS highlighted the need to better understand where and how the convoys metastasized into something else – we have seen a fundamental shift – protest that effects people’s ability to live and exist is no longer peaceful. Need to understand long-term trends.
- Assistant Secretary MacDonald provided an update on ADM NS OPS, which is now meeting daily including weekends. s.39

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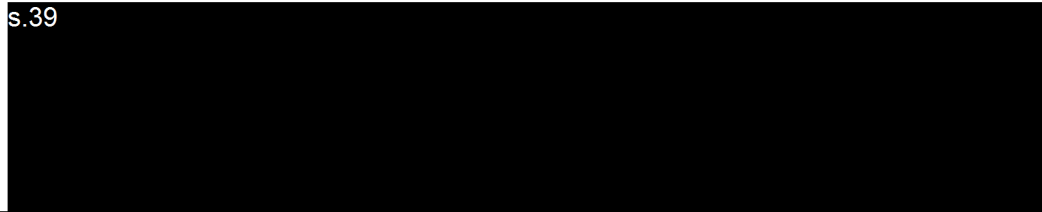


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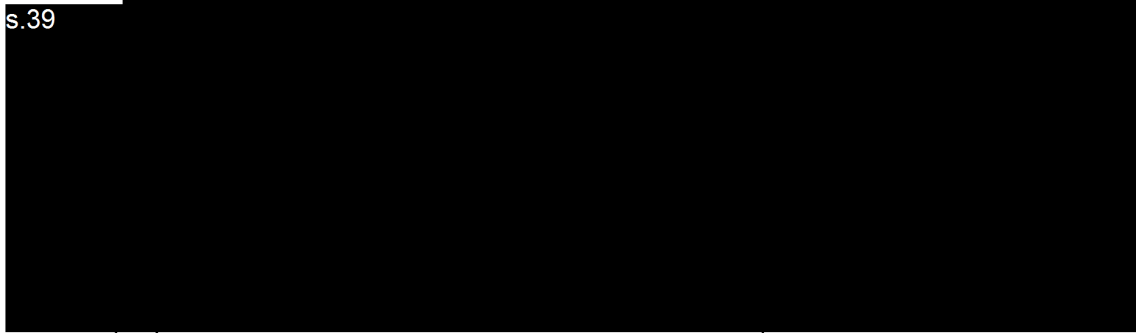


- The Commissioner of the RCMP provided a sitrep:
 - o Lots on the go – despite criticism regarding police– RCMP has now broken up over 50 convoys with no significant issues or violence
 - o Windsor – bridge open, enforcement done, but how will we keep the infrastructure secure? RCMP has given 50 uniformed resources to assist Windsor
 - o Emerson – POE is still blocked. Further reduction in campers and trailers. Tractors getting ready to move – encountering issues with cold and starting tractors. Solid operational plan in place. Commissioner noted that the protestors see anticipated EA measures as yet another incursion to ‘control’ people. Recall that the protest was not just about vaccines.
 - o Coutts – situation was very volatile. Members had multiple near misses with vehicles. Several arrests made, weapons seized. AB still working on an injunction. Will continue with enforcement – AB has secured tow trucks through provincial government. Working on plan to hold and control perimeter
 - o BC – recent developments – highway is open, but traffic is being diverted because of safety concerns. Police working with Surrey residents. Enforcement actions continuing today
 - o Ottawa – 505 trucks, approximately 100 people. Now moving trucks to Wellington according to agreement between Mayor and organizers. Over weekend there were confrontations between protestors and counter-protestors. Key to maintain order between. Plan is endorsed and being implemented. Working to have daily mandates and targets. Maximize reduction of footprint before different types of enforcement. RCMP continues to offer ~250 officers for deployment. ~345 members already deployed

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